



69th **COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, December 16, 2017
10:00 a.m.

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

PROGRAM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
	Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
	Dr. Ricardo J. Espinosa, Conductor
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors
	ShowMe GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble
	President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker	Bryan Vowels
	Managing Director - Investments
	Vowels & Stovern Wealth Management Group, Wells Fargo Advisors
Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson
	Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Dr. Thomas Schmidt
	Associate Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Lorinda Hackett
	Interim Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Marsi Archer
	Interim Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Stephen E. Smith
	University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18)	Mr. Adam Hajeh
	BSE K-12 Vocal Music Education, Lee's Summit
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed
	Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
	Dr. Ricardo J. Espinosa, Conductor
Sign Language Interpreter	Ms. Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. Please turn off all cell phones.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BRYAN VOWELS

Bryan Vowels is a 1992 graduate of Missouri Southern State University, where he received the Outstanding Graduate and the Spencer Bartlett Respect awards.

At MSSU, he was involved with campus life including serving as president of Student Senate and Phi Beta Lambda. He went on to get his MBA from the University of Arkansas where he received the Sam Walton Achievement in Excellence in Leadership and Academics Award. He also holds his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and Chartered Financial Analyst® certifications. Bryan was named Outstanding Alumni from MSSU in 2012.

Bryan now serves as a Managing Director - Investments with the Vowels & Stovern Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. He and his team provide comprehensive wealth management advice to help their clients grow, protect and ultimately pass on their wealth to individuals and organizations they love. He also serves as branch manager for the Joplin Wells Fargo Advisors Office. In 2011 and 2014, he was named one of the top 100 branch managers in the country by On Wall Street.* Prior to joining Wells Fargo Advisors, he served as a national bank examiner with the U.S. Treasury Department and as a senior vice president for a local bank in Fayetteville, Ark.

Bryan and his wife, Leticia, have been active in the Joplin community since returning to the area in 2001. They both helped start the Aspire Scholarship Program that provides scholarships for single parents seeking a career-oriented degree. Bryan has coached soccer in the area the past 15 years and also helped start Rebuild Joplin after the tornado devastated the community in 2011.

He is past president of the United Way of SW Missouri and the Bright Futures USA Board. He currently serves on the MSSU Foundation, Bright Futures Joplin, and Community Foundation of the Ozarks Joplin Board of Directors. Bryan loves to golf, fish and travel. Leticia, Bryan and their three children are on a quest to see all 50 states.

*Ranking based on nominations from peers and firms. Nominees are evaluated on leadership; their ability to recruit, develop and retain talented advisors and dedication to superior client service. Winners are chosen by a panel of independent judges. The award is not reflective of past investment performance or client satisfaction.



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Li, Jie
Accounting
China

Sellers, Joseph Glenn
Accounting
Webb City

Smith, Lanette M.
Accounting
Webb City

Whistler, Anthony James
Accounting
Joplin

White, Raycee Kay
Accounting
Joplin

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Baldassarre, Alexandra Marie
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Campbell, Sharenda Lea
Human Resource Management
Sarcoxie

Hackett, Van Edward
General Management
Washburn

Maskus, Justin L.
General Management
Joplin

Moorhouse, Brian E.
Human Resource Management
Carl Junction

Nechai, Oleg
General Management
Ukraine

**Quackenbush,
Samantha Michelle**
Human Resource Management
Salina, KS

Ryan, Megan L.
General Management
Carl Junction

Schramm, Tabitha J.
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Vostrikov, Mykyta
General Management
Ukraine

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Adkins, Jordan L.
Administration
Joplin

Cullumber, Dawn Marie
Curriculum and Instruction
Webb City

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clark, Christina M.
Criminal Justice
Farmington

Fenton, Cody Alan
Criminal Justice
Branson

Gregory, Joshua Scott
Criminal Justice
Jackson

Jessmer, Matthew Lee
Criminal Justice
Maysville

Labadie, Joshua Ryan
Criminal Justice
Prairie Village, KS

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

Latin Honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more. In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Christopher Alleman
Mohammed Alnaser
Cathleen Bailey
Jessica Ball
Allison Banze
Ashley Bonnemier
Cassidy Chastain

Jennifer Chrest
Kylie Forbes
Hannah Fuller †
Lisbeth Haddox
Chelsi Hess ‡
Caleb House ‡
Arianna Jones

Stephen McAndrews
John Nguyen
Emily Nichols
Abijah Overman ‡
Ashley Pearce
Adrian Ramos
Hailey Roughton

Holly Simmons
Greg Skiles
Cori Smith
Savannah Stouffer
Veronica Wasson
Kerri Williams

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Courtney Adrian †
Abigail Finder
Taylor Garrett
Brett Graham

Anna Green
Chloe Hargrove
Matthew Hickman
Grady Howell

Shemron Modeste
Michael Morgan
Dillion Remshardt
Hannah Schwab

Mark Springston
Myranda Stewart
Ashlee Walter

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Georgia Antillon
Helen Cha
Jordan Denefrio
Samantha Ervin

Lacey Hadaegh
Lane Ketterman
Caleb Miller
Tyler Shoup

Kelsey Sojka
Colby Walker
McKenzie Walker

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Christopher Alleman
Caleb House ‡
Roderick Peterson

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Taylor Garrett
Matthew Hickman
Grady Howell
Mark Springston

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Jordan Denefrio

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Allen, Brianna Elizabeth Communication-Mass Oswego, KS	Compton, Kaleb C. Art-Visual Carthage	Peavler, Kendra Nicole Sociology Webb City	Velasquez, Kathleen Nichole Sociology Monett
Bailey, Sarah E. French Columbia	Freeborn, Lane Patrick English-Literary Studies Joplin	Plank, Melody Amber French Asbury	Wiseman, Grant M. Political Science Bella Vista, AR
Bauer, Shelby Nichole English-Professional/Technical Writing Webb City	Green, Anna Elizabeth Communication-Public Relations Rochester, IL	Reynaga, Gregorio A. Spanish Farmington, AR	Zook, Amanda Janelle Spanish Lee's Summit
Branham, Trenton Adam Art-Visual Webb City	Keeter, Emily Anne English-Literary Studies, French Joplin	Salgado, Amanda Leah English-Literary Studies Joplin	
Brooks, Blake Adam History Carl Junction	Lucas, Maria Julia Uchoa Teixeira † Political Science Brazil	Shoup, Tyler Stanton Art-Visual Carl Junction	
Canfield, Alicia Marie Political Science Jane	Payton, McKinzie Dawne Communication- Mass Carl Junction	Trent, Stephene Michelle French De Soto	

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Bailey, Cathleen Denise Fine Arts-Studio Neosho	Ervin, Samantha L. Fine Arts-Studio Wyandotte, OK	Fox, Cheyenne Nichole Fine Arts-Studio Galena, KS
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alleman, Christopher Eric Criminal Justice Administration/ CIS- Computer Forensics Peculiar	Bressie, Steven Arthur Criminal Justice Administration Oronogo	Deese, Jamie Kyle Geography Columbus, GA	Feller, Kaycia Dawn Biology Joplin
Allen, Brianna Elizabeth Communication-Public Relations Oswego, KS	Carpenter, Samantha K. Environmental Health and Safety San Jose, CA	Denefrio, Jordan Bethany Criminal Justice Administration Carthage	Foley, Victoria Elizabeth Sociology Joplin
Bartz, Bradly Allan Criminal Justice Administration Miami, OK	Cochran, Colton B. Biology Bella Vista, AR	Denton, Rachel Lee Biology Rocky Mount	Forsythe, William J. Criminal Justice Administration Webb City
Belay, Begashow Solomon Biochemistry Rogers, AR	Corlett, Cole Alexander Biochemistry, Chemistry Webb City	Dominick, Daniel Nicholas Environmental Health and Safety Bonne Terre	Garrett, Taylor Renae Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
Boykins, Jeremy Javonte Criminal Justice Administration West Palm Beach, FL	Cornelius, Blaine Nathan Criminal Justice Administration Galena, KS	Ellis, Emmaly LaUna Criminal Justice Administration Nevada	Gehmann, Timothy Jacob Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

Glass, Jonathan David Communication-Mass Oronogo	Kiblinger, Karissa Layn Criminal Justice Administration Kansas City	Melendez, Hector Manuel Criminal Justice Administration Carthage	Richardson, Kalleigh Maree Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
Gremard, Heather Renee Biology Bella Vista, AR	Kingry, Chelsea Lynn Biology Neosho	Mitts, Rachel A. Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Marionville	Rodriguez, Otilio Francisco Environmental Health and Safety Wichita Falls, TX
Guinn, Jake Waylon Criminal Justice Administration Anderson	Lamb, Jesse Biology Joplin	Money, Melany Jan Environmental Health and Safety Colorado Springs, CO	Roeder, Phaze Breann Communication-Mass Yucca Valley, CA
Hadley, Joshua Lamar Communication-Public Relations Solano County, CA	Larson, Aubree Sociology Joplin	Myers, Lance Alan Biology Carl Junction	Runge, Alissa Brooke Political Science Lebanon
Harris, Amber Kandeece Biology Wentworth	Laughlin, Abraham Todd Political Science Neosho	Norman, William Teddy Chemistry Neosho	Schellack, Kailey Marie Communication-Public Relations Joplin
Hendrix, Montana Dawn Biology Washburn	Lee, Cody A. Communication-Mass Joplin	Oberley, Nathaniel David Mathematics Virginia Beach, VA	Scott, William Cody Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
Hickman, Matthew Joe Criminal Justice Administration Purdy	Lenahan, Bailey N. Biology Carl Junction	Overman, Abijah Blake ‡ Biochemistry Joplin	Simmons, Holly Virginia Biology Pierce City
Hodges, Tyler James Political Science Joplin	London, Kyra A. Criminal Justice Administration Flemington	Pennington, Brice Nicole Biology Carl Junction	Smith, Cori Marie Jian Mathematics, Physics Joplin
Horn, Brandy Lynne Sociology Joplin	Lyons, Kalynn Rose Environmental Health and Safety Lansing, MI	Perkins, Veronica Lee Criminal Justice Administration Elgin, OK	Smith, Travelle Marshawn Criminal Justice Administration Park Forest, IL
Horn, Michaela Garnette Biology Joplin	McAffrey, Jacey Rae Sociology Neosho	Peterson, Roderick LaZelle Criminal Justice Administration Rogers, AR	Solis, Jr., Jaime Biology Webb City
Hurrell, Adam Paul Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	McCollum, Danielle Nicole Communication-Public Relations Joplin	Rabbitt, Eric Sykes Environmental Health and Safety Italy	Sprengle, Oliver Roy Biology Carl Junction
Jensen, Dustin Arthur Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	McCulloch, Kyle Ray Computational Math/CIS-Math Olathe, KS	Reynaga, Gregorio A. Biology Farmington, AR	Springston, Mark Riley Criminal Justice Administration Duenweg
Keeling, Bobby Eugene Biochemistry, Chemistry Duenweg	McNealy, Demontra Aterian Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Reynolds, Malissa Mae Criminal Justice Administration Seligman	Stone, Holly C. Political Science Joplin
Ketterman, Lane Matthew Biology Nevada	Maxwell, Clarence Elijah Biology Joplin	Richardson, Brittany Michelle Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Stribling, Michael Ray Criminal Justice Administration Granby

Sumler, Angelo De'Markus
Criminal Justice Administration
Hampton, AR

Swindle, Cady Dawn
Criminal Justice Administration
Cassville

Thompson, Quenvonte Jerome
Environmental Health and Safety
Saint Louis

Treno, Emmanuel Kojo
Environmental Health and Safety
Highland Park, NJ

Trevino, Carolina Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Centerton, AR

Urquhart, Cheyenne Kianna
Criminal Justice Administration
Springdale, AR

Weathers, Tristan Taylor
Environmental Health and Safety
Joplin

Wecker, Megan Mae
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wigal, Laurette
Criminal Justice Administration
Bethany

Williams, Aisha Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wirtz, Jillian Marie
Communication-Mass
Lakeville, IN

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Hess, Chelsi D. ‡
Social Work
Scott City, KS

Lantz, Jennifer Lea
Social Work
Goodman

Reynolds, Lisha Renee
Social Work
Sarcoxie

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Alleman, Christopher Eric
Law Enforcement
Peculiar

Bartz, Bradly Allan
Law Enforcement
Miami, OK

Boykins, Jeremy Javonte
Law Enforcement
West Palm Beach, FL

Bressie, Steven Arthur
Law Enforcement
Oronogo

Cornelius, Blaine Nathan
Law Enforcement
Galena, KS

Denefrio, Jordan Bethany
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Ellis, Emmaly LaUna
Law Enforcement
Nevada

Fowler, Wade D.
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Law Enforcement
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Law Enforcement
Kansas City

London, Kyra A.
Law Enforcement
Flemington

McNealy, Demontra Aterian
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Melendez, Hector Manuel
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Mitts, Rachel A.
Law Enforcement
Marionville

Perkins, Veronica Lee
Law Enforcement
Elgin, OK

Peterson, Roderick LaZelle
Law Enforcement
Rogers, AR

Reynolds, Malissa Mae
Law Enforcement
Seligman

Richardson, Brittany Michelle
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Richardson, Kalleigh Maree
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Scott, William Cody
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Smith, Travelle Marshaun
Law Enforcement
Park Forest, IL

Springston, Mark Riley
Law Enforcement
Duenweg

Stribling, Michael Ray
Law Enforcement
Granby

Sumler, Angelo De'Markus
Law Enforcement
Hampton, AR

Swindle, Cady Dawn
Law Enforcement
Cassville

Trevino, Carolina Marie
Law Enforcement
Centerton, AR

Urquhart, Cheyenne Kianna
Law Enforcement
Springdale, AR

Wecker, Megan Mae
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wigal, Laurette
Law Enforcement
Bethany

GENERAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Bankson, Dawn R. General Studies Carthage	Fullerton, Ryan Scott General Studies Joplin	Moffet, Noel Marie General Studies Granby	Vickers, Cory Joe General Studies Pineville
Berger, Trevor Allen General Studies Fairland, OK	Gawlik, Isabella Annette General Studies Bartlesville, OK	Murphy, Jerrod P. General Studies Joplin	Walker, McKenzie Nicole General Studies Webb City
Bonifant, Renee Jo General Studies Carterville	Gillis, Ryahn McCarthey General Studies Joplin	Palmer, Lakin Nicole General Studies Independence, KS	Weltha, Katherine Michelle General Studies Joplin
Box, Shannon L. General Studies Granby	Hernandez, Daniel Jesus General Studies Santa Ana, CA	Peternell, Ursula Marie General Studies Rogers, AR	Williams, Samantha Danielle General Studies Bella Vista, AR
Braeckel, Josiah Simon General Studies Joplin	Johnson, Steven Dustin General Studies Webb City	Phifer, Savannah General Studies Mansfield	Wooton, Nichole Marie General Studies Grove, OK
Bridgford, Annie Rebecca General Studies Joplin	Kingcade, Sarah Rita General Studies Warwick, RI	Phillips, Codi J. General Studies Joplin	Yang, YengZong General Studies Stella
Carter, Donavan Omar General Studies Pomona, CA	Krewson, Kristin Faye General Studies Fairland, OK	Privett, Julian Santana General Studies Cedar Rapids, IA	
Casady, Olivia L. General Studies Granby	Lowry, Michael E. General Studies Joplin	Robb, Justin Scott General Studies Springfield	
Chastain, Cassidy Jo General Studies Adrian	Matsumura, Ashley Michell General Studies Rogers, AR	Rodriguez, Lucecita General Studies Monett	
Coffman, Jacob Christian General Studies Pevely	McAtee, Colton Edward General Studies Carthage	Smith, Severiano General Studies Webb City	
Covert, Ryan Aaron General Studies Belton	McKarus, Melissa Mae General Studies Lamar	Stockton, Valerie Anne General Studies Republic	
Downing, Kristie Mae General Studies Sarcoxie	Miles, Whitney Paige General Studies Webb City	Thornton, Shelbi Lilian LaFaye General Studies Garfield, AR	
Foreman, Anna Karine General Studies Champaign, IL	Miller, Caleb Samuel General Studies Monett	Ticnor, Ashley N. General Studies Branson	

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adamson, Thomas James
CIS- Information Technology
Sarcoxie

Alekhine, Alexandre A.
Logistics
Carl Junction

Al Hamqan, Jassim Saeed
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Saudi Arabia

Alleman, Christopher Eric
CIS- Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Peculiar

Alsomali, Mohammed Othman
Industrial Engineering Technology
Saudi Arabia

Althagafi, Bahaa Essam
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Makkah, Saudi Arabia

Alwarsh, Hashim Abdullah A.
CIS-Information Technology
Saudi Arabia

Brownfield, Wesley Scott
CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Burnside, Heath Allan
CIS-Information Systems
Purdy

Ernst, Jonathan David
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Finley, Casey William
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Herrera, Raul Abraham
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Joplin

House, Caleb Lee ‡
Industrial Engineering
Technology
McAlester, OK

Howell, Grady Ray
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Parsons, KS

McCulloch, Kyle Ray
CIS-Math/Computational Math
Olathe, KS

McSloy, Luke Sean
CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Peyton III, Valentine
Logistics
Webb City

Richardson, Tevin J.
CIS-Information Technology
Bahamas

Shember, Cameron Michael
CIS-Information Technology
Carl Junction

Whistler, Dillan Lee
Logistics
Joplin

Williams, Rebecca Sue
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Wilmoth, Robert David
CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adams, Stacey L.
Management
Bella Vista, AR

Alberto-Medina, Jr. Armando
International Business
Carthage

Alnaser, Mohammed Abdullah
Accounting
Saudi Arabia

Anderson, Natasha
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Armstrong, Matthew M.
Management
Joplin

Aspegren, Austin Jon
International Business
Omaha, NE

Barker, Gary Lee
Management
Joplin

Barnum, Kyle Louis
Management
Carl Junction

Bentz, Sarah Michelle
Finance
Joplin

Blalock, George Allen
Management
Fairland, OK

Branner, Joseph Nathaniel
Management
Joplin

Brooks, Aaron Paul
Management
Cassville

Brown, Kylie Jordan
Management, Human Resource
Management
Exeter

Burkett, Cheyla Brielle
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Bye.s, Clarissa Gayle
Management, Human Resource
Management
Sarcoxie

Campbell, Abbie G.
Accounting
Sarcoxie

Campbell V, James A.
Management, Human Resource
Management, International Business
Webb City

Carpenter, Courtney Ann
Accounting
Cherryvale, KS

Carter, Austin
Management
Joplin

Casados, Davin Antony
Accounting
Joplin

Cha, Helen Yia
Accounting
Springfield

Chrest, Jennifer Alyse
Accounting
Owasso, OK

Comer, Hilary Dawn
Accounting
Joplin

Cooper, Dakota M. Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management Cassville	Ginger, Jack Nicklaus Economics Papillion, NE	Jeffrey, Sandi C. Management, Human Resource Management British Virgin Islands	Miller, Blaine Anthony Management Overland Park, KS
Cornwell, Megan LaRay Management, Human Resource Management Carthage	Goforth, Jaime Accounting Westmoreland, KS	Johnson, Kimberly Michelle Marketing Rogers, AR	Nguyen, John Hai Duong Accounting Joplin
Courtois, Jillian Nicole Management, Human Resource Management Overland Park, KS	Grayson, Taylor Elaine General Business Carl Junction	Johnson, Miriah Rhae General Business Joplin	Nibbs, Jevaughn Amos Accounting British Virgin Islands
Cox, Hunter B. Management Baxter Springs, KS	Hall, Leslie R. Accounting Carl Junction	Jones, Aaron Michael Management Rogers, AR	Norris, Danielle Ashley Finance British Virgin Islands
Crannell, Alexandra Leigh Management Arlington, TX	Hames, Deanna Kay Management Neosho	Keller, Kendra Denice Management, Human Resource Management Joplin	Olsen, Karen Lynn Accounting Carthage
Darkis, Gilvon Tate Accounting Wichita, KS	Hargrove, Chloe Dahlia Accounting Kansas City	Kelly, Ryan Amos Management Neosho	Oxendine, Miranda Jane General Business Granby
Davis, Jocqui Khalil Marketing Lewisville, TX	Hayes, Lindsey M. General Business Joplin	King, Amy Renee General Business Garden City	Palmer, Jeremy Dwain Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Seneca
Deitz, Shelby Danielle Management Carthage	Heiserman, Hanna M. Human Resource Management Appleton City	Koch, Sydney Jo Management Carl Junction	Patel, Nensi P. Management, Human Resource Management Afton, OK
Dietz, Alexis Louise Human Resource Management Joplin	Hendry, Blair Leigh Accounting Orland, CA	Koschade, Suzanne Marie Management, Human Resource Management Webb City	Payne, Collan Gail Human Resource Management Kearney
Dodson, Tenisha De'Cole Marketing Kansas City	Hernandez Zamacona, Carlos Human Resource Management Mexico	Lansford, Taylor R. International Business Broken Arrow, OK	Pickering, Glenn Connor Management Bentonville, AR
Dowd, Trisha Maris Management, Marketing Noel	Hernandez Zamacona, Monserrate Human Resource Management Springdale, AR	Mandeville, Cheyanne Cole Human Resource Management Webb City	Ponce, Jonathan Josué International Business Joplin
Eaton, Kathryn E. Management Saint Louis	Hill, Stacy J. General Business Springfield	McAndrews, Stephen Michael Accounting Galena	Post, Corie Elizabeth Accounting Monett
English, Lakin Paige Human Resource Management Monett	Hinspeter, Kalee A. Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management Webb City	McConnell, Sandra Lynn Accounting Joplin	Powell, Caleb Lee Management, Human Resource Management Webb City
Fields, Misty Rose Management, Human Resource Management Neosho	Hold, Morgan Blane General Business Nevada	McCord, Marshall Finance Vinita, OK	Praytor, Brooke Elizabeth Marketing Joplin
Ford, Tracy Lane Management, Human Resource Management Webb City	Holland, Eddie Lee Management, Human Resource Management Joplin	McKlemurry, Taylor Brooke Management Neosho	Pritchett, Kermit S. General Business Nevada
Foster, Joshua Ray International Business Bella Vista, AR	Huff, Helen Grace Management, Human Resource Management Reeds	Manning, Peggy J. General Business Webb City	Reeves, Diana J. Accounting Carl Junction

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Reid, Kayla Christine Management Joplin	Seely, Stephanie Denise Management, Human Resource Management Nixa	Stouffer, Savannah L. Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management Neosho	Wantland, Melinda Marie Management Cherryvale, KS
Richardson, Miranda Nikohl Management, Marketing Kansas City	Shoemake, Jessica Lorraine Marketing Lexington, KY	Stratman, Tyce G. Finance Vienna	Wasson, Veronica ‡ Accounting Joplin
Riley, Destrey Wardell General Business El Dorado Springs	Skiles, Greg B. Management, Human Resource Management Carl Junction	Tackett, Nathaniel Paul Marketing Joplin	Williams, Brooke Elizabeth Management, Human Resource Management Joplin
Roderique, Jay Michael Economics Webb City	Smith, Jacob Samuel Management, Human Resource Management Carthage	Taylor, Elizabeth G. Management, Human Resource Management Neosho	Winfiel, Kelly D. Accounting Duenweg
Rosinski, Kendra Megan General Business Neosho	Sohovich, Ashley Gabrielle Accounting Elsberry	Thomas, Andrew Dice Management Webb City	Witt, Jarred Management Monett
Roughton, Hailey Jenalle Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Joplin	Spencer, Jennifer M. Management, Human Resource Management Stark City	Turner, Michelle Christine Finance Joplin	Wormington, Bailey Donn Management LaRussell
Rush, William T. Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Linn	Stewart, Sandy Renee Accounting Tahlequah, OK	Vice, Shanna Renee Accounting Wyandotte, OK	Yang, Maehnou Accounting Diamond
Salas, Alejandra Management, Human Resource Management Monett	Stewart, Stacy Jenay General Business El Dorado Springs	Vigano, Kevin Joseph Management Joplin	Zhu, Yichao Marketing China
Salyer, Edwin Lawrence Management Sarcoxie	Stewart II, Thomas Rogers Management, Human Resource Management Prairie Grove, AR	Walker, Colby H. Accounting El Dorado Springs	
		Wang, Kai Economics China	

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Adamson, Thomas James CIS- Information Systems Sarcoxie	Althagafi, Bahaa Essam Manufacturing Engineering Technology Makkah, Saudi Arabia	Herrera, Raul Abraham Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin	Richardson, Tevin J. CIS-Information Systems Bahamas
Al Hamqan, Jassim Saeed Manufacturing Engineering Technology Saudi Arabia	Brownfield, Wesley Scott CIS- Information Systems Carthage	House, Caleb Lee ‡ Manufacturing Engineering Technology McAlester, OK	Shember, Cameron Michael CIS-Information Systems Carl Junction
Alexander, Rodger Albert Walker Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin	Burns, Bryan Kenneth Manufacturing Engineering Technology Carthage	Howell, Grady Ray Manufacturing Engineering Technology Parsons, KS	White, Lucas Julian CIS- Information Systems Pineville
Alleman, Christopher Eric CIS- Information Systems Peculiar	Burnside, Heath Allan CIS-Information Systems Purdy	Jack, Dakota London Ray Manufacturing Engineering Technology Sarcoxie	
Alsomali, Mohammed Othman Manufacturing Engineering Technology Saudi Arabia	Finley, Casey William Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin	McSloy, Luke Sean CIS- Information Systems Carthage	

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Nichols, Emily A. ‡
Psychology
Joplin

Ramos, Adrian A.
Psychology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Browning, Joann Meria
Psychology
Joplin

Hatfield, Tori L.
Psychology
Webb City

Martin, Brandon
Health Promotion and Wellness
Nixa

Provins, Kristy Ann
Psychology
Joplin

Harris, Amber Kandeece
Psychology
Wentworth

Jones, Taylor Michael
Psychology
Joplin

Maugans, Courtney Danielle
Psychology
Butler

Stewart, Myranda Shay
Health Promotion and Wellness
Owasso, OK

Harry, Muriel M.
Psychology
British Virgin Islands

Kenyon, Jennifer Rosella
Psychology
Oklahoma City, OK

Moore, Jacob Allen
Psychology
Seneca

Teal, Kristy Dianne
Psychology
Chetopa, KS

Hart, Ashley N.
Psychology
Quapaw, OK

Lawson, Derrick W.
Psychology
Duenweg

Morgan, Michael Taylor
Psychology
Carthage

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Adrian, Courtney Nicole †
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Boykin, Channing Christine
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Mountain Grove

Graham, Brett Lewis Chesterton
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Hendrickson, Carly Nicole
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Hiwassee, AR

Antillon, Georgia Caroline
K-12 Education-Spanish
Webb City

Campbell, Shelby L.
Elementary Education-Special Education
Carl Junction

Gutierrez, Marcos Rey
Secondary Education-English
Dodge City, KS

Hidalgo, Myra Alexandra
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Ball, Jessica Marie
Elementary Education-Early Childhood
Cassville

Elliott, Haley Dawn
Elementary Education-English/Language Arts
Oronogo

Haddox, Lisbeth Nicole
Middle School Education-Science
South Coffeyville, OK

Jones, Arianna C.
Secondary Education-English
Osage Beach

Beall III, Nathan Francis
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Grove, OK

Forbes, Kylie Joy
Middle School Education-Math
Pineville

Harp, Joshua D.
Middle School Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Kyser, Lydia Bethany
Secondary Education-English
Carl Junction

Bonnemier, Ashley Ann
Middle School Education-Language Arts
La Vista, NE

Fuller, Hannah Rachel ‡
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Harper, Brittany Danielle
Middle School Education-Science
Galena, KS

Marable, Rodney Darrius
Secondary Education-English
St. Louis

Matheson, Amanda Gwendolyn
Middle School Education-English/Social Studies
Webb City

Milner, Paige Danielle
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Moeller, Trenton Lee
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Webb City

Moore, Keli R.
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Pearce, Ashley Nichole
Secondary Education-Chemistry Dearing, KS

Remshardt, Dillon Christopher
Middle School Education-Social Studies
Park Hills

Smith, Kaylene N.
Elementary Education
Marshfield

Sojka, Kelsey Marie
Elementary Education-TESOL Bella Vista, AR

Vene, Kelsey Jeannette
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Walter, Ashlee Brooke
Elementary Education
Hilliard, OH

Weston, Brandy L.
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Woodring, Chelsea Mae
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Joplin

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alghamdi, Essa Tahu
Mubarak
Health Science-Paramedic
Saudi Arabia

Almotairy, Ibrahim
Health Science-Paramedic
Saudi Arabia

Alqahtani, Abdulrahman Saeed
Jabbar
Health Science-Paramedic
Saudi Arabia

Alsharif, Shuruq Mahjoob
Health Science-Business Life
Saudi Arabia

Anyan, Blake Alan
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Pacific

Banze, Allison E.
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Warrenton

Bowman, Adelene Carol
Health Science-Paramedic
Chamois

Brooks, Danielle Lynn
Health Science-Radiologic Technology
Nixa

Carpenter, Shelby Caitlin
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Rogers, AR

Carper, Sonya Michelle
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Grove, OK

Draper, Mary Cecilia
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Dixon

Enslen, April Marie
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Waynesville

Hadaegh, Lacey Jo
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Parsons, KS

Heathman, Kendall J.
Health Science-Radiologic Technology
Nevada

Kalama, Martin
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Columbia

Miller, Victoria Anne
Health Science-Business Life
Nevada

Modeste, Shemron C.
Medical Technology
Joplin

Neher, Staci D.
Health Science-Paramedic
Jasper

Pope, Haley Denise
Health Science-Business Life
Carl Junction

Rada, Marysol
Health Science
El Paso, TX

Reed, Trisha Lynn
Health Science-Business Life
Joplin

Robinson, Jamie Michelle
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Altamont, KS

Robinson, Lauren Elizabeth
Health Science-Radiologic Technology
West Plains

Schwab, Hannah Elizabeth
Health Science-Business Life
Pittsburg, KS

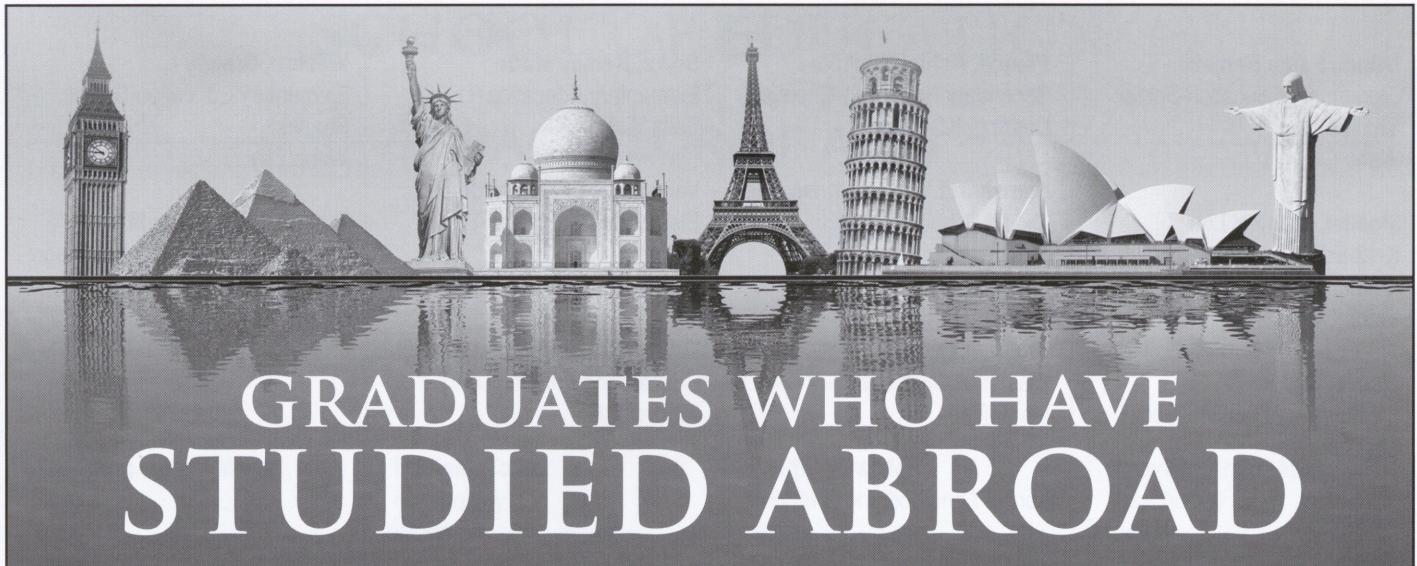
Stringfellow, Ayana Cora
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Hayti

Talbert, Kelsey Dawn
Health Science-Business Life
Monett

Thao, Linda
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Lincoln, AR

Webb, Paula Jayne
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Williams, Kerri Michelle
Health Science-Radiologic Technology
Webb City



GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED ABROAD

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,200 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Alberto, Armando
Germany, Ukraine

Alekhine, Alexandre
Germany, Ukraine

Allen, Brianna
Italy, South Korea

Aspegren, Austin
Germany, Ukraine

Bailey, Cathleen
Sweden

Bailey, Sarah
France

Bridgford, Annie
Sweden

Campbell, James
Germany, Ukraine

Deese, Jamie
South Korea

Defenfrio, Jordan
Argentina

Denton, Rachel
Belize

Foster, Joshua
Ghana

Fox, Cheyenne
Sweden

Freeborn, Lane
France

Gawlik, Isabella
Canada

Ginger, Jack
Germany, Ukraine

Huff, Helen
Germany

Keeter, Emily
France

Lamb, Jesse
Czech Republic,
Denmark, Poland

Lansford, Taylor
Germany, Ukraine

Lenahan, Bailey
Belize

Mandeville, Cheyanne
United Kingdom

McCollum, Danielle
France

Miller, Caleb
United Kingdom

Moore, Jacob
Belize

Nechai, Oleg
Germany, Ukraine

Nguyen, John
Ghana

Payton, McKinzie
Germany

Peavler, Kendra
United Kingdom

Phifer, Savannah
Sweden

Plank, Melody
France, South Korea

Pope, Haley
Belize

Ramos, Adrian
Belize

Roeder, Phaze
United Kingdom

Sellers, Joseph
Germany

Sohovich, Ashley
Japan

Stouffer, Savannah
Germany, Ukraine

Trent, Stephene
France

Vickers, Cory
Belize

Vostrikov, Mykyta
Germany, Ukraine

Walker, McKenzie
South Korea

Weltha, Katherine
Sweden

White, Raycee
Italy

Wirtz, Jillian
Germany

Yang, YengZong
Japan

POINTS OF PRIDE

50TH ANNIVERSARY AT MISSION HILLS

Missouri Southern's 50th anniversary at Mission Hills was celebrated with a campus rededication ceremony in late October in front of Hearnes Hall.

The university hosted many alumni, faculty members and friends from its early years - notably, many of the children of Southern's founding fathers.

The special event featured a proclamation from Missouri Senator Ron Richard, a lantern lighting with President Alan Marble and the founders' descendants, and remarks from many people who were part of the establishment of the university.

Missouri Southern, located on the Mission Hills farm, was officially dedicated on Oct. 29, 1967. Joplin Junior College, its predecessor, was founded in 1937.



FOUNDATION ACQUIRES FORMER LIBRARY

The Joplin City Council recently approved an agreement for the Missouri Southern Foundation to acquire the former Joplin Public Library building at 300 S. Main St.

The foundation has six years to raise the funds necessary to renovate the facility and make it ready for transfer to the university. An adjacent parking lot on Third Street is also included in the deal.

Discussions with academic departments across all disciplines have begun in order to determine which programs would be best suited for the downtown location. The next step will be to kick off a \$10 million fundraising campaign to bring the project to fruition.

Following a presentation to the city council in August, the university and the city attorney began negotiating a formal contract to acquire the building.



KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL VISITS

The Honorable Jong-Kook Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago, spoke on "Korea-U.S. Relations: Past, Present, Future" during a visit to campus on Nov. 10.

Lee discussed how the relationship between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America has evolved over the past 60 years.

"After learning that MSSU was celebrating the Korea Semester this fall, the Consul General thought it was important for him to come to campus to close the semester for us," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago covers the 13 states in the Midwest and is responsible for the largest area among all the Consulates General in the United States.



GREEN COAT CEREMONY

A Green Coat Ceremony for the future physicians making up the inaugural Yours to Lose cohort was held in August in Connor Ballroom at Missouri Southern.

The Yours to Lose – Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program is an exclusive, one-of-a-kind partnership with KCU. It allows a cohort of Missouri Southern students to be admitted to KCU's new Joplin medical school at the same time they are accepted to MSSU.

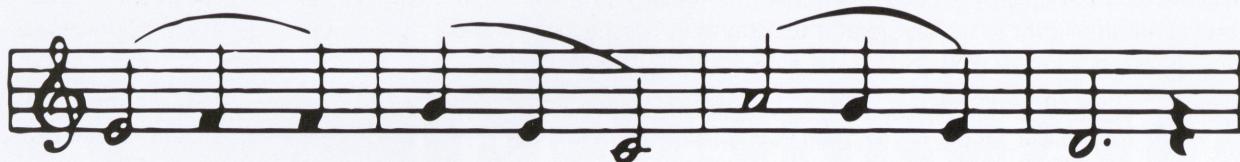
Pre-med students in the program will obtain their bachelor's degree in biology during an accelerated, three-year course of study before seamlessly transitioning into their first year of medical school. The program will not require them to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

The coating ceremony marked the start of the students' academic career and early acceptance into medical school.

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

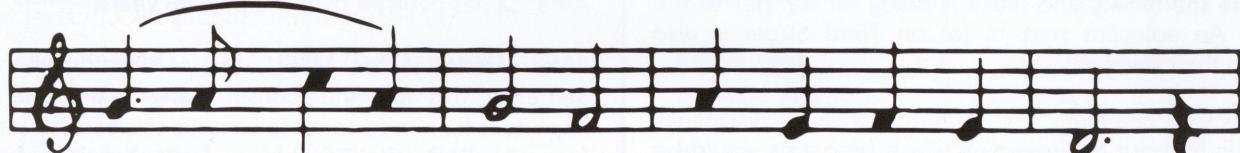
Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



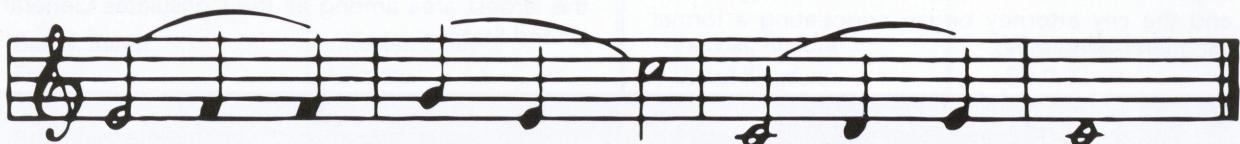
Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND REGALIA CORDS

As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

Brown: Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science

Lemon Yellow: Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music

Purple: Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities

Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold

Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society: Antique Gold and Light Blue

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

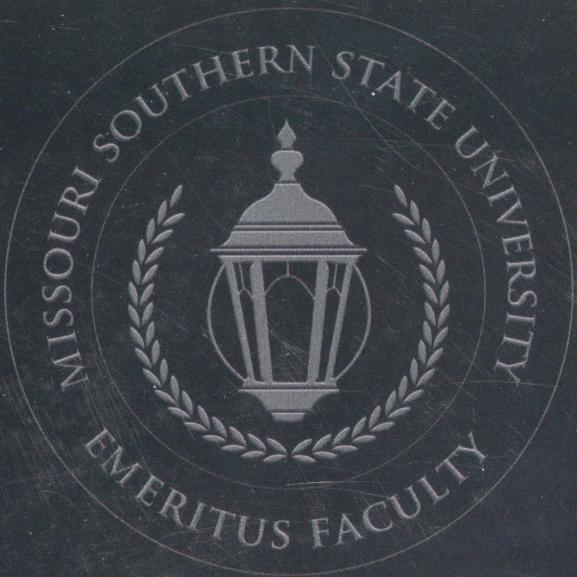
National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:



1973 – 1974

Harry Gockel*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick*
Mathematics

1976 – 1977

Dorothy Stone*
Business Administration

1978 – 1980

Lloyd Dryer*
Psychology

Cleetis Headlee*
English & Philosophy

1980 – 1981

Fred Cinotto*
Administrative Assistant

1983 – 1985

Julie Hughes*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell*
English & Philosophy

1985 – 1987

Enid Blevins
English & Philosophy

1995 – 1996

Loretta Frazier*
Head Librarian

1999 – 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology

Gail Renner*
Social Sciences (History)

2002 – 2004

Duane L. Hunt
Theater

Richard Massa
Communication

2008 – 2010

Julio S. Leon
Business

2010 – 2012

Betsy Griffin
Psychology

Virginia Laas
Social Sciences (History)

William Livingston
Mathematics

Melvyn Mosher*
Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 - 2012

Jim Jackson
Biology & Environmental Health

2012 – 2013

John Messick
Biology & Environmental Health

2013 – 2014

Sam Claussen
Theater

2014 – 2015

Art Saltzman*
English & Philosophy

2015 – 2016

Al Cade*
Teacher Education

Patsy Lipira
Kinesiology

2016 – 2017

Theresa Agee
Business

Grace Ayton
Nursing

Beverly Block
Business

Al Carnine
Music

Jim Gray
Business

Patricia Murphy
English & Philosophy

John Tiede
Accounting

2017- 2018

Deborah Brown
Teacher Ed

Jack Spurlin
Criminal Justice